By the King.

A Proclamation prohibiting the exchange of Moneys for profit, the making of Plate of any his Maiesties Coynes, *and the excessiue vse of Gold and Siluer Foliate.*

WHereas His Maiestie, by His Proclamation, bearing date the fourteenth day of May, in the tenth yeere of his Reigne, For the better staying of Treasure within this Realme, and also for the procuring and inuiting of the same to be brought, as well into His Kingdome, as to His Mint, did set the prices of forraine Gold and siluer, in their seuerall Species, as by the sayd Proclamation more at large appeareth.

His Maiestie finding the same Proclamation not so duely obeyed and obserued as it ought to bee, doth hereby require and command, that the sayd Proclamation, being still in force, bee for the time to come more straitly put in execution: Not intending neuertheiesse hereby to reuoke or discharge any Liberty which the East India Company (being a Companie that deserueth so well to bee vpheld and encouraged) hath or ought to haue by the lawfull vse and practise of their Charter.

And for that the drawing of Moneys into the Goldsmiths hand, by turning Siluer into Gold, vpō profit of Exchange, doth make it the more ready to be ingrossed into the Merchants hand for transportatiō to Mynts abroad: And for that such profit to be taken vpon change of Moneys, is prohibited by Law:

His Maiestie doeth further straitly charge and command, that no person or persons whatsoeuer, shall from henceforth, giue, receiue or take any maner of gaine, profit or aduantage for the exchange of any Gold or Siluer Moneys, of any his Highnes Realmes, or currant within the same, aboue the Rates at which the same are now currant within the sayd Realme, vpon paine of the forfeiture of the same Moneys so exchanged, and the parties so offending, to suffer such further penalties and punishments, as by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, or by his Maesties Prerogatiue Royall, may bee inflicted in that behalfe.

And furthermore, the better to keepe the Gold and Siluer of this Kingdome, not onely within the Realme, from being exported, but that it may also bee continued in Moneys and Coyne, for the vse and commerce of his Maiestie and his louing Subiects, & not turned into any dead Masse of Plate, nor exhausted & consumed in vanities by Building, and the promiscuous vse of Gold and Siluer Foliate, which haue beene in the Reignes of diuers Kings of this Realme, seuerally prouided for, and prohibited:

His Maiestie doeth likewise charge and commaund, That no Goldsmith or other person whatsoeuer, shall from henceforth Melt, or make into any kind of Vessell or Plate, or into any other Manufacture, any the Moneys or Coynes of his Maiesties Realmes or Dominions, or currant within the same; but shall onely Melt and make the same Plate, Vessell, or other Manufactures, out of old Plate, forraigne Bullion or Coyne, or of Siluer burnt out of Lace, and the like: vpon paine of the forfeiture of the Double value of the sayd Coyne so conuerted or made into Plate, & of such other penalties, as by the Lawes, or by his Maiesties prerogatiue Royall, may be inflicted vpon them.

And the better to preuent the vnnecessary and excessiue waste of Golde and Siluer Foliate within this Realme; His Maiestie doth likewise hereby prohibite and forbid, That no Gold or Siluer Foliate shall be from henceforth wrought, vsed, or imployed in any Building, Seeling, Wainscot, Bedsteds, Chayres, Stooles, Coaches, or any other Ornaments whatsoeuer, Except it be Armour, or Weapons, or in Armes and Ensignes of honour, at Funerals or Monuments of the dead: And therefore willeth and commandeth, That no Artificer, Tradesman, or other, shall at any time after Sixe Moneths, from the Date of his Maiesties Proclamation, presume to Worke, Vse, or Imploy in or about any Building, Seeling, Wainscot, Bedsteds, Chayres, Stooles, Coaches, or any other Ornaments whatsoeuer, (Except Armour or Weapons, Armes and Ensignes of honour, or Monuments of the dead as aforesayd) any Gold or Siluer Foliate, vpon paine of his Maiesties high displeasure, and the Forfeiture of the same Materials or Workes so Siluered or Gilt, and to bee further punished as contemners of his Maiesties Royall Commandement.

Giuen at White-hall, the fourth day of February, in the Sixteenth yeere of Our Reigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the two and fiftieth.

God saue the King.

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